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4.34 Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements

The State Medicaid agency has established procedures for the verification of alien status through the Immigration & Naturalization Service (INS) designated system, Systematic Alien Verification for Entitlements (SAVE), effective October 1, 1988.

The State Medicaid agency has elected to participate in the option period of October 1, 1987 to September 30, 1988 to verify alien status through the INS designated system (SAVE).

The State Medicaid agency has received the following type(s) of waiver from participation in SAVE.

Total waiver

Alternative system

Partial implementation

The State was granted a full waiver from the implementation of SAVE.

Alien status is verified by requesting proof of immigration status of all non-citizens. Original documents are viewed by county agency eligibility workers. Copies of both sides of the documentation are retained in the individual's case record. County workers determine eligibility based on an evaluation of the immigration documentation provided as part of the application process according to procedures detailed in the State's certification manual. The sections pertaining to alien eligibility describe the various documents that indicate alien status, detail verification procedures for each federal and state program, and outline technical eligibility requirements for each alien status. Class code descriptions and the original section number of immigration law are also included in the instructions.

In addition, the State's automated eligibility system, MAXIS, provides further safeguards to ensure alien status is reviewed and information is entered on the system accurately. MAXIS requires the entry of special information such as alien status, alien number and the type of verification used to verify the status before eligibility is granted.

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